

## SOLENN FUNERAL FOR MARINES' GOAT MASCOT

Committed Suicide for Grief by Eating Asbestos.

### "TAPS" SOUNDED FOR "FITZ"

Crape-Decked Detail Followed Body to Grave in New York Navy Yard.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—With all the parade and solemnity of a military funeral, followed to the grave by 150 crape-decked marines, the body of Fitz, the goat mascot of the marine barracks, was laid to rest in a quiet corner of the New York navy yard yesterday. Fitz, because he was not sent with a detail of marines to Panama, committed suicide on Tuesday night by eating asbestos. It is thought he intended to end his life and make himself fireproof at the same time.

Shortly after reveille yesterday morning the bugles sounded "Assembly" and nearly all the marines at the barracks marched out to the parade grounds under command of the non-commissioned officers. Each marine had a tiny string of crape on his arm. All looked mournful, for Fitz was the pet and foster-brother of every man in the corps.

#### Body Laid in State.

When the men had drawn up in battalion formation, sergeants, war veterans all, were detailed as pallbearers and a guard of honor. The body was then brought out from the barracks, where it had lain in state all night on a hospital stretcher, covered with the Stars and Stripes. The trumpeter sounded "present arms" as the marines, in a handsome casket, were carried to the head of the formation. Then the pallbearers stepped out for the burying ground, a quiet green beside the men's quarters, and the long ranks of uniformed and bronzed men followed at slow march.

At the grave there was no special service. A veteran of the Orient and the Antilles muttered something like a benediction, while the hundred and fifty men stood by with bowed heads. Then the bugler, with draped bugle, sounded the long and impressive notes of "taps" and the body of Fitz was laid from the surface of the earth.

Not all of his remains, however, were interred. His skin has been preserved, and today will be placed in the hands of a taxidermist. Mounted, it will be placed on a pedestal in the library at the barracks. Meantime the men are talking of laying aside part of this month's pay for the erection of a tombstone to the mascot.

#### Joined Marines in Cuba.

Fitz, whose antecedents are shrouded in doubt, was born a goat, in Guantanamo, in 1897. When the American marines landed in his home town he enlisted at once and served throughout the island war, being continually in the trenches. He had part of his tail shot off in one engagement. He lent effective aid to the men in foraging. It was the boast of his life that he had cleaned out a village single headed. He was aboard the ship Resolute when the last gun of the war was fired. He was the prize fighter of the service. Dogs were his favorite opponents. Deceased could also chew tobacco, and at formal dinners was wont to smoke.

Recently when a shipload of sailors came to the barracks and began rooting for their ship's team of football players who were playing the marines, Fitz butted into the game and felled several of the sailors. He had to be removed from the field by the guard.

Fitz wanted to go to Panama with the last detachment of men, but was refused permission. He seemed to fancy he was in disgrace. There was something on his mind. On Tuesday night he walked meditatively through all the rooms at the barracks, and then went out into the night and committed suicide by eating the asbestos. The men say he died hard in the arms of his comrades, signaling in code with the remnants of his tail.

"It is a far, far better thing I do now than ever I have done before. It is the only way."

Fitz was named after Sergeant Fitzgerald. He was unmarried, but is survived by a thousand marines at home and abroad.

#### THE JANITOR'S MASTER KEY.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The loss of a master key by a janitor in a large downtown office building the other day, while occasioning considerable unrest to its former custodian and the tenants of the building, nevertheless performed a useful service by acquainting many persons with the existence of this product of the locksmith's cunning. The master key is an ingenious invention which is the open sesame often to hundreds of offices, each with its own peculiar lock, says the "New York Post." Its possession by an unscrupulous person might give him an introduction to the secrets or possessions of every office in the building. In the present case every lock in the building is being changed, and a correspondingly large number of new keys noticed.

The work of fitting out a large building with keys and locks sometimes takes over a month before its successful completion, for locks, in particular, have sensitive natures, and are often put out of condition by petty disturbances. The task of manufacturing a master key or pass key is a delicate undertaking, and often is accomplished only after a number of composite wax impressions have been made. The first part of the key to be inserted has no effect on the lock, but simply forces an entrance. The various cuts in the edge then feel their way until one responds to some gateway in the interior of the lock. It is easy to see how many combinations can be devised by a system of delicate cuttings on the key and of slight changes in the tightening or turning of the lock.

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Account Army and Navy football game, November 22. Tickets good going on all trains November 28 and up to and including 10 a. m. train November 29. Good returning until December 1, inclusive. Franklin Field adjacent to B. & O. 24th St. Station, Philadelphia.

## POSTAL SERVICE ALMOST A PAYING INVESTMENT

Annual Report of Postmaster General Shows Deficit of Less Than Three Million Dollars.

The annual report of the Postmaster General shows a marked decrease in the deficit for the past fiscal year as compared with that of the year ended June 30, 1901. The deficit last year was \$2,337,649.81, which is less than that of the previous year by \$866,077.67.

The total receipts from all sources in the past year were \$121,848,947.26, and the total expenditures \$124,785,897.01. The estimates of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, which has been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, is as follows:

Total postal revenue for 1902, \$121,848,947; add 9 per cent for estimated increase for the year ending June 30, 1903, \$10,966,324; estimated revenue for 1903, \$132,815,271; appropriation for postal service for 1903, \$128,416,598; estimated deficit for 1903, \$5,602,227; estimated revenue for 1904, \$144,767,664; estimated expenditure for 1904, \$153,010,520; estimated deficit for 1904, \$8,242,856.

#### Increase in Business.

These figures show a remarkable increase in the business of the Postoffice Department since the free city delivery system was inaugurated thirty-nine years ago.

In 1860, three years before city free delivery was established, the gross postal receipts were \$8,518,067, and the expenditures \$19,170,610, leaving a deficit of \$10,652,543. The magnitude of postal development is indicated by the fact that for the fiscal year 1902 the postal receipts were \$121,848,947, and the increase of receipts in the past fiscal year over the year preceding was \$1,098,736 greater than the gross receipts for the year 1860.

In speaking of the rural free delivery system, Postmaster General Payne says: "Rural free delivery service has become an established fact. It is no longer in the experimental stage and undoubtedly Congress will continue to increase the appropriation for this service until all the people of the country are reached, where it is thickly enough settled to warrant it. The estimates of the department are to the effect that the

available territory for this service embraces about 1,000,000 square miles, or one-third of the country's area exclusive of Alaska. The 11,650 routes now in operation cover about one-third of the available territory.

#### Rural Free Delivery.

"From this it will be seen that it will require 27,000 employees additional to those now in the service to cover this territory. If Congress shall make the necessary appropriations, it is believed that within the next three years the extension of the service will have been completed. With the carrier's salary fixed at \$500 per annum the annual gross cost of the completed rural free delivery service will approximate \$24,000,000."

In concluding his report, Postmaster General Payne makes the following recommendations:

"That the extension of free delivery to towns of not less than 5,000 population, of \$5,000 gross annual postal receipts, be authorized.

"That substitute letter carriers in cities of 75,000 population and over be guaranteed monthly earnings of not less than \$30, and in cities of less than 75,000 population not less than \$25."

"That rural letter carriers be allowed an annual leave of absence of not to exceed fifteen days with pay."

"That the maximum fee for a money order be fixed at 25 instead of 30 cents."

#### New Bonding Law Needed.

"That section 3 of the act of June 13, 1898, chapter 446, providing that assistant postmasters, cashiers, and other employees of postoffices of the first, second, and third classes shall give bond direct to the United States, be repealed, and that a statute be enacted requiring such officers to give bond directly to the postmasters, and holding postmasters responsible under their own bond for any and all acts and defaults occurring at their respective offices."

"That the interstate commerce law be amended to prohibit common carriers, to wit, telegraph and express companies, or any of their employees, from aiding and abetting in the green goods or lottery swindles, or any other scheme carried on partly by mail and partly by common carrier, and which is in violation of the postal laws."

## MASTIFF HOLDS NEGRO WHO ASSAULTS MASTER

Peter London's Dog Assists in Making An Arrest.

Peter London, a sailor, stationed on board the Fern, was stabbed in the pit of the stomach while walking along N. Street near Third southwest, about 6 o'clock last evening. Isaac Dodson, colored, was arrested by Policeman Hayden, of the Fourth precinct, and charged with the assault. London was removed to the Naval Hospital. The physicians say that he is not seriously hurt.

London says that he was returning to the ship, and had a large mastiff dog, the mascot on the boat, with him. Dodson, London says, came out of a house on N. Street and stepped in front of him. The negro drew a knife and stabbed him and attempted to make his escape. The dog caught Dodson by his trousers and held him until London scrambled to his feet and grabbed him. London called for assistance, and Hayden responded.

#### TRANSFER OF ADMIRAL LORD BERESFORD LIKELY

LONDON, Nov. 28.—It is stated that Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will be relieved of his command of the Mediterranean Squadron, and assigned to another command. He is said to be unpopular at the admiralty, and this is given as a reason for the transfer.

## ARREST SUSPECTED OF "SALTED" MINE FRAUD

Four Others Named in Warrant Charged With Complicity.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—William H. McNutt was arrested early yesterday morning by Detective Sergeant McConnell, Peabody, and Clarke. The central office men said that McNutt was wanted by the Chicago police upon an indictment in which he is implicated with others for complicity in obtaining \$13,000 under false pretenses from Willard T. Block for a "salted" mine.

The others named in the indictment were Daniel Kelsey, James Lonergan, William Schuit, and William G. Mason. Two of these men are said to be in Europe, and two in prison in Chicago.

#### NEW BOWLING TEAM.

Garrett A. Green, the bowling wizard, has announced the make-up of teams that will try for new local records tomorrow night over the Palace alleys. They are as follows: Shiman, of New York; Bunn, Green, Crist, and Pearson; and Miller, Elliott, Brandt, Rodrick, and Harlow.

#### JUDGE CLABAUGH WINS.

Judge Clabaugh won the cup prize in the bogie tournament of the Washington Golf Club on the links near Rosslyn yesterday.

## DEATH OF MAN PARDONED BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN

Convicted as a Spy When Only 14 Years Old.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 28.—Hiram G. Richardson, a well-known resident of Highlandtown, who died at his home early Wednesday morning of paralysis after an illness of about two years, was once convicted as a spy, but pardoned by President Lincoln. He was fifty-five years old and the son of Mrs. Phoebe H. and the late George W. Richardson, of Baltimore county. His mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

His history was an interesting one. Soon after the civil war broke out Mr. Richardson, then only fourteen years old, was taken South by his father and with him his three older brothers—Messrs. Theodore J., George W. and Wallace P. Richardson—joined the Baltimore Light Artillery, Confederate States Army. The battery was severely tried. Coming from the South to visit his mother, he was captured and convicted as a spy. Mr. Richardson probably owed his life to his youthful appearance.

He was sent to Fort Warren, Mass., where he remained a prisoner for several months, until his mother, through a number of influential friends, secured an audience with President Lincoln, and got him interested in her son's case. The President, believing that the boy was too young to be guilty of the offense with which he was charged, pardoned him, and he was permitted to return home.

Mr. Richardson's funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Loudon Park. The pallbearers, at the request of the deceased, will be chosen from among the old soldiers at the Confederate Home at Pikeville. William Nicolaus & Son have charge of the arrangements.

## CIGARETTES BREAK UP BOSTON SCHOOLS

Masters Ask Police Aid In Stopping Pupils From Smoking.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 28.—War has been declared against the cigarette by some of the schoolmasters of South Boston. As a result of complaints lodged by them with Captain Hoffman, of police division 12, George Daniels and Hannah Cahill appeared in the district court charged with selling cigarettes to minors, and were fined \$10 each.

From what the masters say, the cigarette habit is on the increase among the schoolboys, and many of them have become so addicted to the vice that it is almost impossible for them to remain in school throughout the sessions because they cannot go so long without smoking the deadly weed. Hence they are continually inventing excuses whereby they must get out for a few moments in school hours in order to get a puff.

For some time past there had been many complaints lodged with the masters by the teachers concerning the frequency with which boys were asking permission to leave the school rooms. This led to an investigation, which proved that most of the boys who were perpetually seeking to absent themselves did so either to satisfy their craving for cigarettes or to replenish their supplies.

All of the boys were forbidden by their teachers to smoke, and although the masters solemnly talked with them about the perniciousness of the habit, nobody was able to discern any decrease in the number of lads who were using cigarettes, and, as a last resort, the masters appealed to the police.

#### Special Train Service to West Point—Naval Academy Football Game

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Leave Washington, Saturday, November 29, at 10:10 a. m., direct to Franklin Field, returning at conclusion of game. Dining Car, Parlor Cars and Day Coaches. Rate, \$4 round trip. Apply at once for parlor car reservations for round trip.

## KING ALFONSO SAID TO BE OF DEGENERATE TYPE

Anthropologist Causes Sensation in Spain.

MADRID, Nov. 28.—Senor Macho, the distinguished anthropologist, has caused a pronounced sensation in society by the publication in the "Catalonian Medical Review," "an examination from a medical point of view of King Alfonso's public and private acts and family precedents."

Macho gives a so-called analysis of the King's character along physiognomical lines, and concludes with the inference that the monarch presents a veritable degenerate type.

The judicial authorities threaten to sue both the editor of the "Review," and the author of the article.

#### MARY WASHINGTON HOSPITAL.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Nov. 28.—The Mary Washington Hospital was yesterday thrown open for the inspection of the public, the addition of two wings and many other improvements having been completed. This was also the annual donation day for this institution. The hospital is now open for patients for the first time since it was enlarged and the improvements made.

## INDIAN TRIBE ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF WITCHES

One Victim Tied to Tree for Eight Days.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 28.—United States Commissioner Polson, Marshal Hephurn, and Prosecuting Attorney Lyons have returned to Junesau from Hoonah, where they held an inquest over the remains of two Indians, who were starved to death because they were thought to be witches.

One was tied to a tree in the woods and compelled to stand eight days and nights without food, with heavy rains falling on him. The object of this treatment was to drive out the devil.

He died soon after being released at the end of eight days. The other victim was treated less severely.

Federal officers placed the entire tribe under arrest while investigating. Four members, found directly responsible, were taken to Junesau, charged with murder.

#### TO MEET ON THE MAT.

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